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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

1. AT SECOND READING OF RAILWAYS AND HARBORS APPROPRIATION BILL IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 5, MINISTER OF TRANSPORT S.L.MULLER MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON PLANS FOR PROCUREMENT OF NEW COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT AND CONSTRUCTION OF HANGAR FACILITIES: 'ON THE AIRWAYS SIDE AN APPROPRIATION OF R64 MILLION IS SOUGHT FOR ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT THAT WILL BE REQUIRED BY THE END OF 1976 FOR DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL SERVICES. NUMBER AND TYPES OF AIRCRAFT TO BE ACQUIRED MUST STILL BE DECIDED. TO PROVIDE INCREASED HANGARAGE FOR MAINTENANCE OF AIRCRAFT, AN ITEM HAS BEEN INCLUDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL HANGAR AT JAN SMUTS AIRPORT.'

2. EARLIER IN SPEECH MULLER REPORTED WITH RESPECT TO S.A. AIRWAYS THAT DURING PERIOD APRIL TO DECEMBER 1974, NUMBER OF UNCLASSIFIED

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PASSENGERS INCREASED BY 17 PERCENT,MAIL-TON-KILOMETERS BY 24

24 PERCENT AND FREIGHT-TON-KILOMETERS BY ALMOST 25 PERCENT.
HE ALSO NOTED IT WAS PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING TO REPORT AN INCREASE
OF AS MUCH AS 63 PERCENT PASSENGER TRAFFIC ON THE AMERICAN
SERVICE.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION INCLUDED MENTION OF COMPLETED CHANGE
IN BOEING 727 AND 737 AIRCRAFT SEATING FROM TO SIX ABREAST,
WHICH INCREASED PASSENGER CAPACITY APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT.
TO COMPENSATE FOR FREIGHT CAPACITY FORFEITED BY THIS CHANGE,
ALL FREIGHT SERVICES ON CHARTERED AIRCRAFT WERE INTRODUCED
ON THE JOHANNESBURG-DURBAN-PORT ELIZABETH-JOHANNESBURG ROUTE
ON OCTOBER 1,1974.

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